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SUBJECT: HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS VICINITY OF JAPAN

1. IN ORDER TO SATISFY CIVILIAN NAUTICAL AND MILITARY CHARTING REQUIREMENTS, THE U.S. NAVY DESIRES TO CONDUCT HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS OFF THE EAST COAST OF HONSHU. THE SURVEYS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY 35'00"N, 35'30"N140'32"E AND 141'11"E AND AN AREA BOUNDED BY 36'01"N, 36'10"N 141'00"E AND 141'15"E.

2. USNS CHAUVENET (T-AGS 29), A COASTAL HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY SHIP OPERATED BY MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND AND UNDER THE TECHNICAL DIRECTION OF THE NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC OFFICE, WOULD CONDUCT THE SURVEYS. CHAUVENET, WHICH CARRIES FOUR LAUNCHES AND A HELICOPTER, IS AN UNARMED WHITE HULLED SHIP WITH A CIVIL SERVICE CREW AND A MILITARY DETACHMENT THAT CONDUCTS THE ACTUAL HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY. WE WELCOME PARTICIPATION BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GOJ
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HYDROGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT OF THE MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY,

AND THE HYDROGRAPHIC DATA IN RAW FORM CAN BE PROVIDED TO THE HOST COUNTRY IF DESIRED.

3. FYI. THE PRIME USE OF THE DATA TO BE COLLECTED WILL BE FOR A NAVAL EXERCISE AREA CHART. WHILE THE CHART WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED IT WILL NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND WILL HAVE A LIMITED DISTRIBUTION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. END FYI.

4. WHILE THE SURVEYS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS, LAND USE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A NUMBER OF SHORE AIDS WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE POSITIONING OF ELECTRONIC AIDS AND A SMALL ADVANCE PARTY WILL PROBABLY BE REQUIRED TO MAKE FINAL SELECTION OF THE SITES. IT IS ENVISAGED THAT FOUR SITES WILL BE REQUIRED LOCATED IN PROXIMITY TO 35°44'20"N 140°50'45"E, 36°03'15"N 140°37'40"E, 35°41'30"N 140°43'45"E, 35°22'45"N 140°23'30"E. THE FIRST TWO SITES WOULD BE USED WITH THE NORTHERNMOST SURVEY AREA, THE SECOND TWO WOULD BE USED WITH THE SOUTHERNMOST. THE USE OF ELECTRONIC POSITIONING AIDS WILL REQUIRE SEPARATE FREQUENCY CLEARANCE. GEODETIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POSITIONING OF THE NAVIGATION AIDS WILL BE COORDINATED THROUGH THE HYDROGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT.

5. PERSONNEL OF THE NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC OFFICE ARE AVAILABLE TO BRIEF APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL CONCERNING THE SURVEY.

6. REQUEST THE GOJ BE APPROACHED WITH THIS PROPOSAL AND THAT DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE BEGINNING JULY 1976 BE REQUESTED. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE SURVEY CAN BE COMPLETED IN ONE OR TWO MONTHS. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR ANY DELAYS THE CLEARANCE SHOULD REMAIN VALID FOR FIVE MONTHS. KISSINGER

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